

Amend Section 83001 to read:

83001 DEFINITION

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In addition to Section 80001, the following shall apply.

- a. (Continued)
- g. ~~(Reserved)~~(1) "Gender Expression" refers to the ways a person communicates their gender identity through clothing, haircut, behavior and interaction with others.

(2) "Gender Identity" means a person's internal identification or self-image as male, female, or other.
- h. (Continued)
- s. (1) "Sexual Orientation" describes a person's emotional, romantic or sexual attraction to others that is shaped at an early age.

(1)(2) "Specialized In-Home Health Care" means health care, other than family health care, identified by the child's physician as appropriately administered in the home by a health care professional or by a licensee or staff trained by health care professionals.

(2)(3) "Specialized Small Family Home" means a licensed small family home which provides specialized in-home health care to children.
- t. ~~(Reserved)~~(1) "Transgender" means a person whose gender identity does not correspond with their anatomical sex. A transgender girl or woman is a girl or woman whose birth sex was male but who understands herself to be female. A transgender boy or man is a boy or man whose birth sex was female but who understands himself to be male. (Continued)

Authority cited: Section 1502.8 and 1530, Health and Safety Code; and Section 17730, Welfare and Institutions Code.

Reference: Sections 1501, 1502, 1507, 1507.2, 1530 and 1531, Health and Safety Code; and Sections 11403, 16001.9(a), 17710, 17731(c), 17732(b) and 17732.1, Welfare and Institutions Code.

Amend Section 83064 to read:

83064 LICENSEE DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

83064

- (a) The licensee shall be responsible for: (Continued)
- (d) For children 16 years of age or older, the licensee shall allow access to existing information regarding available vocational and postsecondary educational options as specified in Welfare and Institutions Code section 16001.9(a)(26) ~~as specified in Section 83072(e)(29)~~. (Continued)
- (g) The licensee shall ensure that individuals, who provide care and supervision of a child in a facility, have received instruction on cultural competency and sensitivity relating to, and best practices for, providing adequate care to lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender youth in out-of-home care.

Authority cited: Section 1530, Health and Safety Code.

Reference: Section 51, Civil Code; Sections 1501, 1529.1, 1529.2, 1530.91, 1531, and 1562, Health and Safety Code; Sections 366.1, 366.21, and Section 16001.9, Welfare and Institutions Code; and California Student Safety and Violence Prevention Act of 2000 (Article 3.6 (commencing with Section 32228) of Chapter 2 of Part 19 of Division 1 of Title 1 of the Education Code.

Amend Section 83072 to read:

83072 PERSONAL RIGHTS

83072

- (a) Each facility licensed to provide foster care for six or more children shall post a listing of a foster child's rights. (Continued)
- (c) At admission, each child, and his/her authorized representative, shall be personally advised of and given a copy of the child's rights as specified in Subsection (d) below:
- (d) The licensee shall ensure that each child, regardless of whether the child is in foster care, is accorded the personal rights specified in Welfare and Institutions Code section 16001.9, as applicable. In addition, the licensee shall ensure that each child is accorded the following personal rights:
 - (1) To have visitors and contact with the following, provided the rights of others are not infringed upon, including:
 - (A) Brothers and sisters, unless prohibited by court order.
 - (1) Other relatives, unless prohibited by court order or by the child's authorized representative.
 - (B) Authorized representative.
 - (C) Other visitors unless prohibited by court order or by the child's authorized representative.
 - (2) To wear his/her own clothes. To be provided with and allowed to possess and use adequate personal items, consistent with Welfare & Institutions Code section 16001.9(a)(23), which includes their own:
 - (A) Clothing items, provided the clothes are age-appropriate.
 - (1) Clothing provided for school shall not violate school standards.
 - (B) Toiletries and personal hygiene products, including enclosed razors used for shaving, as age and developmentally appropriate.
 - (C) Personal belongings, including items that were a gift to the child unless prohibited as part of a discipline program.
 - (3) (Continued)
 - (4) ~~To possess and use his/her own personal possessions, including toilet articles.~~

- (5) ~~To have access to individual storage space for his/her private use.~~
- ~~(6)~~(4) To make and receive confidential telephone calls, unless prohibited by court order.
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- ~~(7)~~(5) To have access to letter writing material and to send and receive unopened correspondence unless prohibited by court order.
- ~~(8)~~(6) To be accorded dignity in his/her personal relationships with staff and other persons.
- (9) ~~To live in a safe, healthy and comfortable home where he or she is treated with respect, in accordance with Section 83072(c)(11).~~
- ~~(10)~~(7) To be free of physical, sexual, emotional, or other abuse, and from corporal or unusual punishment, infliction of pain, humiliation, intimidation, ridicule, coercion, threat, mental abuse, or other actions of a punitive nature including but not limited to interference with the daily living functions of eating, sleeping, or toileting, or withholding of shelter, clothing, or aids to physical functioning.
- ~~(11) To have fair and equal access to all available services, placement, care, treatment, and benefits, and to not be subjected to discrimination or harassment on the basis of actual or perceived race, ethnic group identification, ancestry, national origin, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, mental or physical disability, or HIV status.~~
- ~~(12) To receive adequate and healthy food, and adequate clothing.~~
- ~~(A) Clothing and personal items provided shall be in accordance with Section 83072(c)(11).~~
- ~~(13) To receive medical, dental, vision, and mental health services.~~
- ~~(14) To be free of the administration of medication or chemical substances, unless authorized by a physician.~~
- ~~(15) To contact family members (including brothers and sisters), unless prohibited by court order, and social workers, attorneys, foster youth advocates and supporters.~~
- ~~(16) To contact the Community Care Licensing Division of the California Department of Social Services or the State Foster Care Ombudsperson regarding violations of rights, to speak to representatives of these offices confidentially, and to be free from threats or punishment for making complaints.~~
- ~~(17)~~(8) To be informed, and to have his or her authorized representative informed by the licensee of the provisions of law regarding complaints including, but not limited to,

the address and telephone number of the complaint receiving unit of the licensing agency, and of information regarding confidentiality.

~~(18)(9)~~To be free to attend religious services or activities of his/her choice and to have visits from the spiritual advisor of his/her choice. Attendance at religious services in or outside of the facility, shall be on a completely voluntary basis.

~~(19)(10)~~To not be locked in any room, building, or facility premises at any time.
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~~(20)~~ To attend school and participate in extracurricular, cultural, and personal enrichment activities consistent with the child's age and developmental level, in accordance with Section 83072(c)(11).

~~(21)~~ To work and develop job skills at an age appropriate level that is consistent with state law.

~~(22)~~ To have social contacts with people outside of the foster care system, such as teachers, church members, mentors, and friends, in accordance with Section 83072(c)(11).

~~(23)~~ To attend Independent Living Program classes and activities if he or she meets age requirements.

~~(24)~~ To attend court hearings and speak to the judge.

~~(25)~~ To review his or her own case plan if he or she is over 12 years of age and to receive information about his or her out of home placement and case plan, including being told of changes to the plan.

~~(26)~~ To be free from unreasonable searches of personal belongings.

~~(27)~~ To confidentiality of all juvenile court records consistent with existing law.

~~(28)(11)~~Not to be placed in any restraining device. Postural supports may be used if they are approved in advance by the licensing agency as specified in (A) through (F) below. (Continued)

~~(29)~~ At 16 years or older, to have access to existing information regarding available educational options, including, but not limited to, coursework necessary for vocational and postsecondary educational programs, and financial aid information for these programs.

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EXAMPLE: Children who are privately placed in a Small family home should be afforded only

those rights that apply, and therefore would not be afforded those rights that apply only to a child placed in foster care. For instance, privately placed children would not be involved in the development and review of his or her case plan, and plan for permanent placement.

Please refer to [Welfare & Institutions Code Section 16001.9](#) for a complete list of personal rights.

Welfare and Institutions Code section 16001.9, subsection (a) provides in part:

"(a) It is the policy of the state that all minors and nonminors in foster care shall have the following rights:

- (1) To live in a safe, healthy, and comfortable home where he or she is treated with respect.
- (2) To be free from physical, sexual, emotional, or other abuse, or corporal punishment.
- (3) To receive adequate and healthy food, adequate clothing, and, for youth in group homes, an allowance.
- (4) To receive medical, dental, vision, and mental health services.
- (5) To be free of the administration of medication or chemical substances, unless authorized by a physician.
- (6) To contact family members, unless prohibited by court order, and social workers, attorneys, foster youth advocates and supporters, Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASAs), and probation officers.
- (7) To visit and contact brothers and sisters, unless prohibited by court order.
- (8) To contact the Community Care Licensing Division of the State Department of Social Services or the State Foster Care Ombudsperson regarding violations of rights, to speak to representatives of these offices confidentially, and to be free from threats or punishment for making complaints.
- (9) To make and receive confidential telephone calls and send and receive unopened mail, unless prohibited by court order.
- (10) To attend religious services and activities of his or her choice.
- (11) To maintain an emancipation bank account and manage personal income, consistent with the child's age and developmental level, unless prohibited by the case plan.

- (12) To not be locked in a room, building, or facility premises, unless placed in a community treatment facility.
- (13) To attend school and participate in extracurricular, cultural, and personal enrichment activities, consistent with the child's age and developmental level, with minimal disruptions to school attendance and educational stability.
- (14) To work and develop job skills at an age-appropriate level, consistent with state law.
- (15) To have social contacts with people outside of the foster care system, including teachers, church members, mentors, and friends.
- (16) To attend Independent Living Program classes and activities if he or she meets age requirements.
- (17) To attend court hearings and speak to the judge.
- (18) To have storage space for private use.
- (19) To be involved in the development of his or her own case plan and plan for permanent placement.
- (20) To review his or her own case plan and plan for permanent placement, if he or she is 12 years of age or older and in a permanent placement, and to receive information about his or her out-of-home placement and case plan, including being told of changes to the plan.
- (21) To be free from unreasonable searches of personal belongings.
- (22) To the confidentiality of all juvenile court records consistent with existing law.
- (23) To have fair and equal access to all available services, placement, care, treatment, and benefits, and to not be subjected to discrimination or harassment on the basis of actual or perceived race, ethnic group identification, ancestry, national origin, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, mental or physical disability, or HIV status.
- (24) To be placed in out-of-home care according to their gender identity, regardless of the gender or sex listed in their court or child welfare records.
- (25) To have caregivers and child welfare personnel who have received instruction on cultural competency and sensitivity relating to, and best practices for, providing adequate care to lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender youth in out-of-home care.

(26) At 16 years of age or older, to have access to existing information regarding the educational options available, including, but not limited to, the coursework necessary for vocational and postsecondary educational programs, and information regarding financial aid for postsecondary education.

(27) To have access to age-appropriate, medically accurate information about reproductive health care, the prevention of unplanned pregnancy, and the prevention and treatment of sexually transmitted infections at 12 years of age or older.

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(de) Nothing in this section shall be interpreted to require a ~~foster care provider~~licensee to take any action that would impair the health and safety of children in out-of-home placement consistent with Welfare & Institutions Code section 16001.9(b).

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Welfare and Institutions Code section 16001.9, subsection (b) provides:

"(b) Nothing in this section shall be interpreted to require a foster care provider to take any action that would impair the health and safety of children in out-of-home placement."

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Authority cited: Section 1502.8 and 1530, Health and Safety Code.

Reference: Sections 1501, 1530.91, and 1531, Health and Safety Code; and Section 16001.9, Welfare and Institutions Code.

Amend Section 83087 to read:

83087 BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

83087

- (a) In addition to Section 80087, the following shall apply.
- (b) The licensee shall provide bedrooms in the home which shall meet, at a minimum, the following requirements:
 - (1) No more than two children shall share a bedroom.
 - (2) Children of ~~the opposite-different~~ sexes shall not share a bedroom unless: ~~each child is under five years of age.~~
 - (A) Each child is under five years of age, or
 - (B) A licensee is permitting a child to share a bedroom consistent with their gender identity regardless of the gender or sex listed on the court or child welfare documents.
 - (3) (Continued)
- (e) In every situation where children share a bedroom, the licensee shall document that the bedroom sharing arrangement ensures the health and safety of each child and that the children are compatible. When considering compatibility a licensee shall consult with children in their care, in an age and developmentally appropriate manner, regarding the child's sexual orientation and gender identity and what information the child wishes to disclose and to whom. A licensee shall not disclose information about the child's sexual orientation and/or gender identity against the child's wishes, unless compelled to do so by law or court order. This documentation shall be maintained in the child's record.

Authority cited: Section 1502.8 and 1530, Health and Safety Code.

Reference: Sections 1501, and 1531, Health and Safety Code and "*The Health Consequences of Involuntary Exposure to Tobacco Smoke*": A Report of the Surgeon General (2006).

Amend Section 84001 to read:

84001 DEFINITIONS

84001

(a) (Continued)

(g) (1) "Gender Expression" refers to the ways a person communicates their gender identity through clothing, haircut, behavior and interaction with others.

(2) "Gender Identity" means a person's internal identification or self-image as male, female, or other.

~~(1)~~(3) "Group Home" means a facility which provides 24-hour care and supervision to children, provides services specified in this chapter to a specific client group, and maintains a structured environment, with such services provided at least in part by staff employed by the licensee. The care and supervision provided by a group home shall be nonmedical except as permitted by Welfare and Institutions Code Section 17736(b). Since small family and foster family homes, by definition, care for six or fewer children only, any facility providing 24-hour care for seven or more children must be licensed as a group home.

~~(2)~~(4) "Group Home Program Statement" means a written plan which identifies the client population, program structure and supervision, and provides specific program information. The group home program statement must contain all the elements required in the plan of operation, as specified in Section 84022.

(h) (Continued)

(s) (1) "Satellite Home" means a facility which is owned by, contracted with, or otherwise controlled by the licensee of another group home. The primary function of the satellite home is to provide residential services to children who are former clients of the primary group home and/or to children who receive direct services from the primary group home. As specified in Section 80008(b), each satellite home is required to independently meet regulations applicable to its licensed category.

(2) "Sexual Orientation" describes a person's emotional, romantic or sexual attraction to others that is shaped at an early age.

~~(2)~~(3)(Continued)

~~(3)~~(4)(Continued)

~~(4)~~(5)(Continued)

- (t) ~~(Reserved)~~(1)"Transgender" means a person whose gender identity does not correspond with their anatomical sex. A transgender girl or woman is a girl or woman whose birth sex was male but who understands herself to be female. A transgender boy or man is a boy or man whose birth sex was female but who understands himself to be male.

Authority cited: Sections 1502.8, 1522.41(j), 1530, 1530.8 and 1530.9, Health and Safety Code; and Section 17730, Welfare and Institutions Code.

Reference: Sections 1501, 1502, 1503, 1507, 1507.2, 1522.4, 1522.41, 1522.41(j), 1530.8, and 1531, Health and Safety Code; Sections 362.04(a)(2), 362.05(a), 727(a)(4)(A), 11331.5(d), 11403, 11406(c), 16001.9, 17710, 17731, 17732.1 and 17736(a) and (b), Welfare and Institutions Code; and 45 CFR Section 1351.1(k).

Amend Section 84065 to read:

84065 PERSONNEL REQUIREMENTS

84065

- (a) (Continued)
- (i) (Continued)
 - (1) (Continued)
 - (3) Training shall include, at a minimum, all of the following topics. The licensee shall determine how much time is spent on each topic, and shall ensure that child care staff have appropriate skills necessary to supervise the children in care. (Continued)
 - (A) (Continued)
 - (T) Instruction on cultural competency and sensitivity relating to, and best practices for, providing adequate care to lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender youth in out-of-home care.
- (j) Annual Training
 - (1) (Continued)
 - (3) Training may include but is not limited to, the following topics:
 - (A) (Continued)
 - (O) Topics listed in Sections 84065(i)(3)(A) through (~~ST~~).

Authority cited: Sections 1522.41(j) and 1530, Health and Safety Code.

Reference: Section 51, Civil Code; Sections 1501, 1522.4, 1531 and 1562, Health and Safety Code; Section 16001.9, Welfare and Institutions Code.

Amend Section 84072 to read:

84072 PERSONAL RIGHTS

84072

- (a) Each facility licensed to provide foster care for six or more children shall post a listing of a foster child's rights.
- (b) Each facility shall provide each school age child, who is placed in foster care, and his or her authorized representative with an age and developmentally appropriate orientation that includes an explanation of the rights of the child and addresses the child's questions and concerns.
- (c) At admission, each child, and his/her authorized representative, shall be personally advised of and given a copy of the child's rights as specified in Subsection d below:
- (d) The licensee shall ensure that each child, regardless of whether the child is in foster care, is accorded the personal rights specified in Welfare and Institutions Code section 16001.9, as applicable. In addition, the licensee shall ensure that each child is accorded the following personal rights:
 - (1) To visit the facility with his/her relatives and/or authorized representative(s) prior to admission.
 - (2) To file a complaint with the facility, as specified in Section 84072.2.
 - (3) To have the facility inform his/her authorized representative(s) of his/her progress at the facility.
 - (4) To have communications to the facility from his/her relatives and/or authorized representative(s) answered promptly and completely.
 - (5) To have visitors visit privately during waking hours without prior notice, provided that such visitations are not prohibited by the child's needs and services plan; do not infringe upon the rights of other children; do not disrupt planned activities; and are not prohibited by court order or by the child's authorized representative(s).
 - (6) To wear his/her own clothes. To be provided with and allowed to possess and use adequate personal items, consistent with Welfare & Institutions Code section 16001.9(a)(23), which includes their own:
 - (A) Clothing items, provided the clothes are age-appropriate.
 - (1) Clothing provided for school shall not violate school standards.

(B) Toiletries and personal hygiene products, including enclosed razors used for shaving, as age and developmentally appropriate.

(C) Personal belongings, including items that were a gift to the child unless prohibited as part of a discipline program.

~~(7) To possess and use his/her own toilet articles.~~

~~(8)(7) To possess and use his/her own cash resources except as specified in Section 84026, and to maintain an emancipation bank account and manage personal income consistent with the child's age and developmental level, unless prohibited by the case plan.~~

~~(9) To possess and use his/her own personal items unless prohibited as part of a discipline program.~~

~~(10) To have access to individual storage space for his/her private use.~~

~~(11)(8) To make and receive confidential telephone calls, unless prohibited by court order.~~
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~~(12)(9) To send and receive unopened correspondence unless prohibited by court order and have access to letter writing material.~~

~~(13)(10) To be accorded dignity in his or her personal relationships with staff and other persons.~~

~~(14) To live in a safe, healthy, and comfortable home where he or she is treated with respect, in accordance with Section 84072(c)(16).~~

~~(15)(11) To be free of physical, sexual, emotional, or other abuse, and from corporal or unusual punishment, infliction of pain, humiliation, intimidation, ridicule, coercion, threat, mental abuse, or other actions of a punitive nature including, but not limited to, interference with the daily living functions of eating, sleeping, or toileting, or withholding of shelter, clothing, or aids to physical functioning.~~

~~(16) To have fair and equal access to all available services, placement, care, treatment, and benefits, and to not be subjected to discrimination or harassment on the basis of actual or perceived race, ethnic group identification, ancestry, national origin, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, mental or physical disability, or HIV status.~~

~~(17) To receive adequate and healthy food, adequate clothing, and an allowance.~~

~~(A) Clothing and personal items provided shall be in accordance with Section 84072(c)(16).~~

- ~~(18) To receive medical, dental, vision, and mental health services.~~
- ~~(19) To be free of the administration of medication or chemical substances, unless authorized by a physician.~~
- ~~(20) To contact family members (including brothers and sisters), unless prohibited by court order, and social workers, attorneys, foster youth advocates and supporters, Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA), and probation officers.~~
- ~~(21) To contact the Community Care Licensing Division of the California Department of Social Services or the State Foster Care Ombudsperson regarding violations of rights, to speak to representatives of these offices confidentially, and to be free from threats or punishment for making complaints.~~
- ~~(22)~~(12) To be informed, and to have his/her authorized representative, if any, informed, by the licensee of the provisions of law regarding complaints including, but not limited to, the address and telephone number of the complaint receiving unit of the licensing agency, and of information regarding confidentiality.
- ~~(23)~~(13) To be free to attend religious services or activities of his/her choice and to have visits from the spiritual advisor of his/her choice. Attendance at religious services, in or outside of the facility, shall be on a completely voluntary basis.
- ~~(24)~~(14) To not be locked in any room, building, or facility premises at any time.
- (A) The licensee shall not be prohibited by this provision from locking exterior doors and windows or from establishing house rules for the protection of clients provided the clients are able to exit the facility.
- (B) The licensee shall be permitted to utilize means other than those specified in (A) above for securing exterior doors and windows only provided the clients are able to exit the facility and with the prior approval of the licensing agency.
- ~~(25) To attend school and participate in extracurricular, cultural, and personal enrichment activities consistent with the child's age and developmental level, in accordance with Section 84072(e)(16).~~
- ~~(26) To work and develop job skills at an age appropriate level that is consistent with state law.~~
- ~~(27) To have social contacts with people outside of the foster care system, such as teachers, church members, mentors, and friends, in accordance with Section 84072(e)(16).~~
- ~~(28) To attend Independent Living Program classes and activities if he or she meets age~~

requirements.

- ~~(29) To attend hearings and speak to the judge.~~
- ~~(30) To review his or her own case plan if he or she is over 12 years of age and to receive information about his or her out of home placement and case plan, including being told of changes to the plan.~~
- ~~(31) To be free of unreasonable searches of personal belongings.~~
- ~~(32) To confidentiality of all juvenile court records consistent with existing law.~~
- ~~(33)~~(15) Not to be placed in any restraining device. Postural supports may be used if they are approved in advance by the licensing agency as specified in (A) through (F) below. (Continued)
- ~~(34) At 16 years or older, to have access to existing information regarding available educational options, including, but not limited to, coursework necessary for vocational and postsecondary educational programs, and financial aid information for these programs.~~

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 - (3) To receive adequate and healthy food, adequate clothing, and, for youth in group homes, an allowance.

- (4) To receive medical, dental, vision, and mental health services.
- (5) To be free of the administration of medication or chemical substances, unless authorized by a physician.
- (6) To contact family members, unless prohibited by court order, and social workers, attorneys, foster youth advocates and supporters, Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASAs), and probation officers.
- (7) To visit and contact brothers and sisters, unless prohibited by court order.
- (8) To contact the Community Care Licensing Division of the State Department of Social Services or the State Foster Care Ombudsperson regarding violations of rights, to speak to representatives of these offices confidentially, and to be free from threats or punishment for making complaints.
- (9) To make and receive confidential telephone calls and send and receive unopened mail, unless prohibited by court order.
- (10) To attend religious services and activities of his or her choice.
- (11) To maintain an emancipation bank account and manage personal income, consistent with the child's age and developmental level, unless prohibited by the case plan.
- (12) To not be locked in a room, building, or facility premises, unless placed in a community treatment facility.
- (13) To attend school and participate in extracurricular, cultural, and personal enrichment activities, consistent with the child's age and developmental level, with minimal disruptions to school attendance and educational stability.
- (14) To work and develop job skills at an age-appropriate level, consistent with state law.
- (15) To have social contacts with people outside of the foster care system, including teachers, church members, mentors, and friends.
- (16) To attend Independent Living Program classes and activities if he or she meets age requirements.
- (17) To attend court hearings and speak to the judge.
- (18) To have storage space for private use.

- (19) To be involved in the development of his or her own case plan and plan for permanent placement.
- (20) To review his or her own case plan and plan for permanent placement, if he or she is 12 years of age or older and in a permanent placement, and to receive information about his or her out-of-home placement and case plan, including being told of changes to the plan.
- (21) To be free from unreasonable searches of personal belongings.
- (22) To the confidentiality of all juvenile court records consistent with existing law.
- (23) To have fair and equal access to all available services, placement, care, treatment, and benefits, and to not be subjected to discrimination or harassment on the basis of actual or perceived race, ethnic group identification, ancestry, national origin, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, mental or physical disability, or HIV status.
- (24) To be placed in out-of-home care according to their gender identity, regardless of the gender or sex listed in their court or child welfare records.
- (25) To have caregivers and child welfare personnel who have received instruction on cultural competency and sensitivity relating to, and best practices for, providing adequate care to lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender youth in out-of-home care.
- (26) At 16 years of age or older, to have access to existing information regarding the educational options available, including, but not limited to, the coursework necessary for vocational and postsecondary educational programs, and information regarding financial aid for postsecondary education.
- (27) To have access to age-appropriate, medically accurate information about reproductive health care, the prevention of unplanned pregnancy, and the prevention and treatment of sexually transmitted infections at 12 years of age or older.

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~~(d)~~(e) Nothing in this section shall be interpreted to require a ~~foster care provider~~ licensee or Group Home staff to take any action that would impair the health and safety of children in out-of-home placement consistent with Welfare & Institutions Code section 16001.9(b).

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Welfare and Institutions Code section 16001.9(b) provides:

"(b) Nothing in this section shall be interpreted to require a foster care provider to take any action that would impair the health and safety of children in out-of-home placement."

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Authority cited: Sections 1502.8 and 1530, Health and Safety Code.

Reference: Sections 1501, 1530.91, and 1531, Health and Safety Code; Section 16001.9, Welfare and Institutions Code.

Amend Section 84079 to read:

84079 PLANNED ACTIVITIES

84079

(a) The licensee shall develop, maintain, and implement a written plan to ensure that indoor and outdoor activities which include but are not limited to the following are provided for all children:

(1) Activities that require group interaction. (Continued)

(e) For children 16 years of age or older, the licensee shall allow access to existing information regarding available vocational and postsecondary educational options as specified in Welfare and Institutions Code section 16001.9(a)(26) ~~as specified in Section 84072(e)(34)~~. The information may include, but is not limited to: (Continued)

Authority cited: Section 1530, Health and Safety Code.

Reference: Sections 1501 and 1531, Health and Safety Code; Sections 361.2(j)(2), 362.04, 362.05, 727 and 16001.9, Welfare and Institutions Code; and Assembly Bill 2096, (Chapter 483 Statutes of 2008).

Amend Section 84087 to read:

84087 BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

84087

- (a) In addition to Section 80087, the following shall apply.
- (b) Bedrooms shall meet, at a minimum, the following requirements:
 - (1) No more than two children shall ~~sleep in~~share a bedroom.
 - (2) Bedrooms shall be large enough to allow for easy passage and comfortable use of any required assistive devices, including but not limited to wheelchairs, between beds and other items of furniture.
 - (3) Children of ~~the oppositedifferent sexes~~different sexes shall not share a bedroom unless:~~each child is under five years of age.~~
 - (A) A minor parent may share a bedroom with the minor parent's child of the opposite sex.
 - (B) Each child is under five years of age, or
 - (C) A licensee is permitting a child to share a bedroom consistent with their gender identity regardless of the gender or sex listed on the court or child welfare documents.
 - (4) (Continued)
- (d) In every situation where children share a bedroom, the licensee shall document that the bedroom sharing arrangement ensures the health and safety of each child and that the children are compatible. When considering compatibility a Licensee shall consult with children in their care, in an age and developmentally appropriate manner, regarding the child's sexual orientation and gender identity and what information the child wishes to disclose and to whom. A licensee shall not disclose information about the child's sexual orientation and/or gender identity against the child's wishes, unless compelled to do so by law or court order. This documentation shall be maintained in the child's record.

Authority cited: Sections 1502.8 and 1530, Health and Safety Code.

Reference: Sections 1501 and 1531, Health and Safety Code and *"The Health Consequences of Involuntary Exposure to Tobacco Smoke": A Report of the Surgeon General (2006)*.

Amend Section 84272 to read:

84272 PERSONAL RIGHTS

84272

- (a) Sections 84072~~(e)~~(d)(5), ~~(26)~~, ~~(28)~~, and ~~(30)~~ do not apply to children under six years of age.
- (b) When family member involvement is part of the child's needs and services plan, visiting shall be allowed as indicated in the plan. Visiting does not include the time spent by a minor parent as the primary caregiver for his or her child.
 - (1) Visiting shall be only under the supervision of the social work staff, a houseparent or child care worker, or a facility manager, unless the case plan provides for unsupervised visits.
- (c) The licensee shall impose differing visiting rules, depending on the visitor, that person's role in the child's needs and services plan, and the need to protect the child from that person.

Authority cited: Section 1530, Health and Safety Code.

Reference: Sections 1501, 1530.8 and 1531, Health and Safety Code; and Section 11467.1, Welfare and Institutions Code.

Amend Section 86001 to read:

86001 DEFINITIONS

86001

In addition to Section 80001, the following shall apply:

- (a) (Continued)
- (g) (1) "Gender Expression" refers to the ways a person communicates their gender identity through clothing, haircut, behavior and interaction with others.
- (2) "Gender Identity" means a person's internal identification or self-image as male, female, or other.
- ~~(1)~~(3) "Group Home" means any facility of any capacity which provides 24-hour care and supervision to children in a structured environment, with such services provided at least in part by staff employed by the licensee. The care and supervision provided by a group home shall be nonmedical except as permitted by Welfare and Institutions Code Section 17736(b).

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- (A) Welfare and Institutions Code Section 17736(b) reads in pertinent part:

Counties, regional centers and foster family agencies shall permit the licensee and other personnel meeting the requirements of paragraphs (3), (5), and (6) of subdivision (c) of Section 17731 to provide, in a group home, specialized in-home health care to a child, as described in his or her individualized health care plan provided that the child was placed as of November 1, 1993.

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- (h) (Continued)
- (s) (1) "Serious Deficiency" means any deficiency that presents an immediate or substantial threat to the physical health, mental health or safety of the clients of a community care facility.
- (2) "Sexual Orientation" describes a person's emotional, romantic or sexual attraction to others that is shaped at an early age.
- ~~(2)~~(3) "Simplified Exemption" means an exemption granted on the Department's own motion, as authorized in Health and Safety Code Section 1522(c)(4), if the individual's criminal history meets specific criteria established by Department regulation.

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- (A) See Section 80051 and other applicable sections in Chapters 2, 4 through 7, and Chapter 9, for examples of violations which commonly result in serious deficiencies.

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- ~~(3)~~(4)"Small Family Home" means any residential facility in the licensee's family residence providing 24-hour a day care for six or fewer children who are mentally disordered, developmentally disabled or physically handicapped and who require special care and supervision as a result of such disabilities.
- ~~(4)~~(5)"Social Rehabilitation Facility" means any facility which provides 24-hour-a-day nonmedical care and supervision in a group setting to adults recovering from mental illness who temporarily need assistance, guidance or counseling.
- ~~(5)~~(6)"Social Worker" means a person who has a graduate degree from an accredited school of social work.
- ~~(6)~~(7)"SSI/SSP" means the Supplemental Security Income/State Supplemental Program which is a federal/state program that provides financial assistance to aged, blind and/or disabled residents of California.
- ~~(7)~~(8)"Substantial Compliance" means the absence of any serious deficiencies.
- ~~(8)~~(9)"Substantiated Complaint" means a complaint which has been investigated by the licensing agency, and as a result, a violation of regulations has been found.
- (t) (1) "Transgender" means a person whose gender identity does not correspond with their anatomical sex. A transgender girl or woman is a girl or woman whose birth sex was male but who understands herself to be female. A transgender boy or man is a boy or man whose birth sex was female but who understands himself to be male.
- ~~(1)~~(2)"Transitional Housing Placement Program (THPP)" means the licensed components, as well as the components that are certified by the THPP as meeting licensing requirements.
- (A) The licensed components of the THPP are the administrative office that provides THPP administrative and operational functions, and the sub-administrative offices.
- (B) The certified components of the THPP are the THPP units and the THPP staff residential units that also may house or allow access to THPP participants.

~~(2)~~(3)"Transitional Housing Program–Plus (THP-Plus)" means a transitional housing placement program not licensed by the Department, but, certified by counties to provide housing and supportive services, as needed, to THP-Plus tenants and THP participants who are aged 18 to 21 pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code Section 11403.2(a)(2).

~~(3)~~(4)"Transitional Housing Placement Program Participant" (participant) means an individual placed in a THPP unit.

~~(4)~~(5)"Transitional Housing Placement Program Participant Living Unit" (THPP Participant Living Unit) means the single housing unit where the THPP participant resides as specified in Health and Safety Code Section 1559.110(d). (Continued)

Authority cited: Sections 1502.8, 1530 and 1559.110, Health and Safety Code.

Reference: 42 USC Section 677; Sections 1559.110 and 1559.115, Health and Safety Code; and Sections 11400, 11401, 11403, 16001.9, 16522.1, and 16522.5, Welfare and Institutions Code.

Amend Section 86065 to read:

86065 PERSONNEL REQUIREMENTS

86065

(a) (1) (Continued)

(A) (Continued)

(B) Training for all personnel shall address cultural competency and sensitivity relating to, and best practices for, providing adequate care to lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender youth in out-of-home care.

(2) (Continued)

Authority cited: Sections 1530 and 1559.110, Health and Safety Code.

Reference: Section 51, Civil Code; Sections 1501, 1506, 1529.2, 1531 and 1559.115, Health and Safety Code; Sections 16001.9, and 16522.1, Welfare and Institutions Code; and Article 3.6 (commencing with Section 32228) of Chapter 2 of Part 19 of Division 1 of Title 1 of the Education Code.

Amend Section 86072 to read:

86072 PERSONAL RIGHTS

86072

- (a) ~~THPPA~~ licensees ~~are~~ is not subject to the provisions in Section 80072. Instead, THPP licensees are subject to the following and the following shall apply:
- (b) ~~The licensee shall ensure that each participant is accorded the personal rights specified in this section.~~
- (~~e~~)(b) Each participant, and his/her authorized representative, shall be personally advised and given at admission a copy of the rights specified below.
- (c) A licensee shall ensure that each participant is accorded the personal rights specified in Welfare and Institutions Code section 16001.9 and the following personal rights:
- (d) ~~Each participant shall have personal rights, which include but are not limited to the following:~~
 - (1) ~~To be accorded the greatest level of independence consistent with safety and the participant's ability and maturity level as outlined in the participant's Needs and Services Plan or in order to prepare the participant for self-sufficiency.~~
 - (1)(2) To be accorded safe, healthful and comfortable home accommodations, furnishings and equipment that are appropriate to his/her needs.
 - (3) ~~To be treated with respect and to be free from physical, sexual, emotional or other abuse in accordance with Section 86072(d)(5).~~
 - (4)(2) To be free from corporal or unusual punishment; infliction of pain; humiliation; intimidation; ridicule; coercion; threat; physical, sexual, emotional mental, or other abuse; or other actions of a punitive nature including but not limited to interference with the daily living functions of eating, sleeping, or toileting, or withholding of shelter, clothing, or aids to physical functioning.
 - (3) To be informed and to have his or her authorized representative informed, by the licensee of the provisions of law regarding complaints including the address and telephone number of the licensing agency and about the confidentiality of complaints.
 - (5) ~~To have fair and equal access to all available services, placement, care, treatment, and benefits, and not to be subjected to discrimination or harassment on the basis of actual or perceived race, ethnic group identification, ancestry, national origin, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, mental or physical disability, or HIV status.~~

- ~~(6)(4) To receive necessary medical, dental, vision, and mental health services. To have access to letter writing material.~~
- (7) ~~To contact Community Care Licensing Division of the State Department of Social Services regarding violations of rights, to speak to representatives of the office confidentially and to be free from threats or punishments for making complaints.~~
- (8) ~~To have social contacts with people outside of the foster care system, such as teachers, church members, mentors and friends, in accordance with Section 86072(d)(5).~~
- (9) ~~To contact family members, unless prohibited by court order.~~
- (10) ~~To visit and contact brothers and sisters, unless prohibited by court order.~~
- (11) ~~To contact social workers, attorneys, foster youth advocates and supporters, Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA), and probation officers.~~
- (12) ~~To have visitors, provided the rights of others are not infringed upon.~~
- (13) ~~To attend religious services and activities of his or her choice.~~
- (14) ~~To be free to attend court hearings and speak to the judge.~~
- (15) ~~To have all his/her juvenile court records and be confidential, consistent with existing law.~~
- ~~(16)(5) To be accorded dignity in his/ or her personal relationships with ~~other persons~~ others in the ~~home~~ facility.~~
- (A) ~~To be free from unreasonable searches of person.~~
- ~~(B) To be free from unreasonable searches of personal belongings.~~
- ~~(6) To be accorded the independence appropriate to the age, maturity, and capability of a participant consistent with the Needs and Services Plan or the Transitional Independent Living Plan (TILP) for the participant.~~
- ~~(17)(7) Provided the rights of others are not infringed upon, To have visitors as specified by the licensee's policies, in accordance with Welfare and Institutions Code Section 16522.1(h), including that include:~~
- (A) ~~Relatives, including parents unless prohibited by court order ~~or by the participant's authorized representative.~~~~

(B) The Authorized representative and placing agency for a participant.

(C) Other visitors unless prohibited by court order or by the participant's authorized representative or placing agency for a participant.

~~(18)~~(8) To possess and control his/her own cash resources unless otherwise agreed to in the participant's needs and services or TILP and by the participant's placing agency and authorized representative.

~~(19)~~(9) To possess and use his/her own personal possessions, including toilet articles.

(A) Clothing and personal items provided shall be in accordance with Welfare & Institutions Code section 16001.9(a)(23). Section 86072(d)(5).

(B) Toiletries and personal hygiene products.

(C) Personal belongings, including items that were a gift to the participant unless prohibited as part of a discipline program.

~~(20)~~(10) To have access to make and receive confidential telephone to make and receive confidential calls, and send and receive unopened mail and electronic communication, unless prohibited by court order.

(A) Reasonable restrictions may be imposed by a licensee, social worker, or probation officer on calls and correspondence.

(B) In addition to (A), a licensee may:

1. Request reimbursement for the cost of long distance calls made by a participant, from the participant or his or her authorized representative,

2. Deny the making of long distance calls by a participant upon verification that previous long distance calls have not been paid,

3. Ensure that telephone use does not infringe upon the rights of others, nor tie up the phone during emergencies, and

4. Restrict the telephone use of a participant except as provided in (D) below, subject to social worker or probation officer review.

5. Restrict Internet usage when appropriate.

(C) No restrictions shall be applied to telephone calls, mail, and electronic communication with relatives, including brothers and sisters, unless prohibited by court order.

(D) No restrictions shall be applied to telephone calls, mail, and electronic communication with social workers, authorized representatives, attorneys, foster youth advocates and supporters, Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA), and probation officers.

~~(21) To send and receive unopened correspondence.~~

~~(22) At 16 years or older, to have access to existing information regarding available educational options, including, but not limited to, coursework necessary for vocational and postsecondary educational programs, and financial aid information for these programs.~~

~~(23) In addition to the personal rights as specified in this section, all participants shall be entitled to all personal rights specified in Welfare and Institutions Code Section 16001.9.~~

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Please refer to [Welfare & Institutions Code section 16001.9](#) for a complete list of personal rights.

Welfare and Institutions Code section 16001.9, subsection (a) provides in part:

"(a) It is the policy of the state that all minors and nonminors in foster care shall have the following rights:

(1) To live in a safe, healthy, and comfortable home where he or she is treated with respect.

(2) To be free from physical, sexual, emotional, or other abuse, or corporal punishment.

(3) To receive adequate and healthy food, adequate clothing, and, for youth in group homes, an allowance.

(4) To receive medical, dental, vision, and mental health services.

(5) To be free of the administration of medication or chemical substances, unless authorized by a physician.

(6) To contact family members, unless prohibited by court order, and social workers, attorneys, foster youth advocates and supporters, Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASAs), and probation officers.

(7) To visit and contact brothers and sisters, unless prohibited by court order.

- (8) To contact the Community Care Licensing Division of the State Department of Social Services or the State Foster Care Ombudsperson regarding violations of rights, to speak to representatives of these offices confidentially, and to be free from threats or punishment for making complaints.
- (9) To make and receive confidential telephone calls and send and receive unopened mail, unless prohibited by court order.
- (10) To attend religious services and activities of his or her choice.
- (11) To maintain an emancipation bank account and manage personal income, consistent with the child's age and developmental level, unless prohibited by the case plan.
- (12) To not be locked in a room, building, or facility premises, unless placed in a community treatment facility.
- (13) To attend school and participate in extracurricular, cultural, and personal enrichment activities, consistent with the child's age and developmental level, with minimal disruptions to school attendance and educational stability.
- (14) To work and develop job skills at an age-appropriate level, consistent with state law.
- (15) To have social contacts with people outside of the foster care system, including teachers, church members, mentors, and friends.
- (16) To attend Independent Living Program classes and activities if he or she meets age requirements.
- (17) To attend court hearings and speak to the judge.
- (18) To have storage space for private use.
- (19) To be involved in the development of his or her own case plan and plan for permanent placement.
- (20) To review his or her own case plan and plan for permanent placement, if he or she is 12 years of age or older and in a permanent placement, and to receive information about his or her out-of-home placement and case plan, including being told of changes to the plan.
- (21) To be free from unreasonable searches of personal belongings.
- (22) To the confidentiality of all juvenile court records consistent with existing law.

- (23) To have fair and equal access to all available services, placement, care, treatment, and benefits, and to not be subjected to discrimination or harassment on the basis of actual or perceived race, ethnic group identification, ancestry, national origin, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, mental or physical disability, or HIV status.
- (24) To be placed in out-of-home care according to their gender identity, regardless of the gender or sex listed in their court or child welfare records.
- (25) To have caregivers and child welfare personnel who have received instruction on cultural competency and sensitivity relating to, and best practices for, providing adequate care to lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender youth in out-of-home care.
- (26) At 16 years of age or older, to have access to existing information regarding the educational options available, including, but not limited to, the coursework necessary for vocational and postsecondary educational programs, and information regarding financial aid for postsecondary education.
- (27) To have access to age-appropriate, medically accurate information about reproductive health care, the prevention of unplanned pregnancy, and the prevention and treatment of sexually transmitted infections at 12 years of age or older."

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- (d) In ensuring the rights of a participant, a licensee is not required to permit or take any action that would impair the health and safety of a participant or others in the facility as specified in Welfare & Institutions Code Section 16001.9(b).

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Welfare and Institutions Code section 16001.9, subsection (b) provides:

- "(b) Nothing in this section shall be interpreted to require a foster care provider to take any action that would impair the health and safety of children in out-of-home placement."

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Authority cited: Sections 1530 and 1559.110, Health and Safety Code, Section 16522, Welfare and Institutions Code.

Reference: Sections 1501, 1531, Health and Safety Code; Sections 16001.9, 16500, and 16522.1, Welfare and Institutions Code.

Amend Section 86072.1 to read:

86072.1 EDUCATIONAL OPTIONS

86072.1

- (a) The licensee shall allow access to existing information regarding available vocational and postsecondary educational options as specified in Welfare and Institutions Code section 16001.9(a)(26)~~as specified in Section 86072(d)(22)~~. The information may include, but is not limited to, any of the following:
 - (1) (Continued)

Authority cited: Sections 1530 and 1559.110, Health and Safety Code.

Reference: Sections 1501 and 1531, Health and Safety Code; and Section 160 01.9, Welfare and Institutions Code.

Amend Section 86087 to read:

86087 BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

86087

- (a) THPP licensees are not subject to the provisions in Section 80087. Instead, THPP licensees are subject to the following and the following shall apply.
- (1) The licensee shall ensure the THPP participant living unit meets, at a minimum, the following requirements:
- (A) No more than two THPP participants shall share a bedroom.
- (B) THPP participants of ~~the opposite~~ different ~~sex~~sexes shall not share a bedroom unless:
1. A minor parent may share a bedroom with their child of a different sex.
2. A licensee is permitting a THPP participant to share a bedroom consistent with their gender identity regardless of the gender or sex listed on the court or child welfare documents.
- (C) (Continued)
- (g) In every situation where children share a bedroom, the licensee shall document that the bedroom sharing arrangement ensures the health and safety of each child and that the children are compatible. When considering compatibility a licensee shall consult with children in their care, in an age and developmentally appropriate manner, regarding the child's sexual orientation and gender identity and what information the child wishes to disclose and to whom. A licensee shall not disclose information about the child's sexual orientation and/or gender identity against the child's wishes, unless compelled to do so by law or court order. This documentation shall be maintained in the child's record.

Authority cited: Sections 1502.8, 1530 and 1559.110, Health and Safety Code.

Reference: Sections 1501, 1531, and 1559.110, Health and Safety Code; Section 16522.1, Welfare and Institutions Code, and "*The Health Consequences of Involuntary Exposure to Tobacco Smoke*": A Report of the Surgeon General (2006).

Amend Section 88001 to read:

88001 DEFINITIONS (Continued)

88001

(a) (Continued)

(g) (1) "Gender Expression" refers to the ways a person communicates their gender identity through clothing, haircut, behavior and interaction with others.

(2) "Gender Identity" means a person's internal identification or self-image as male, female, or other.

~~(4)~~(3) "Geographic Area" means the area served by the foster family agency administrative office and suboffice(s), if any.

(h) (Continued)

(s) (1) "Sexual Orientation" describes a person's emotional, romantic or sexual attraction to others that is shaped at an early age.

~~(4)~~(2) "Specialized Certified Family Home" means a certified family home which provides specialized in-home health care to children.

~~(2)~~(3) "Specialized In-Home Health Care" means health care, other than family health care, identified by the child's physician as appropriately administered in the home by a health care professional or by a certified parent or staff trained by health care professionals.

~~(3)~~(4) "Social Work Personnel" means employees who provide those services specified in Section 88065.3.

~~(4)~~(5) "Suboffice" means any additional office set up by the foster family agency to supplement the services provided by the administrative office.

(t) (1) "Transgender" means a person whose gender identity does not correspond with their anatomical sex. A transgender girl or woman is a girl or woman whose birth sex was male but who understands herself to be female. A transgender boy or man is a boy or man whose birth sex was female but who understands himself to be male.

~~(4)~~ (2) "Treatment Agency" means any foster family agency that provides therapeutic services to children who reside in certified family homes. The services, which are identified by social work staff assessing the child(ren)'s needs, may include, but not be limited to, education and mental health services, sexual or physical abuse counseling, alcohol or drug abuse counseling, and vocational training, and determining the appropriate individual case plan to ensure those needs are met.

Authority cited: Section 1502.8 and 1530, Health and Safety Code; and Section 17730, Welfare and Institutions Code.

Reference: Sections 1502, 1506, 1506.7, 1507.2, 1530.5 and 1538, Health and Safety Code; and Sections 11403, 17710, 17731(c), 17732(b) and 17732.1, Welfare and Institutions Code.

Amend Section 88022 to read:

88022 PLAN OF OPERATION

88022

(a) (5) (A) (Continued)

(B) Initial and ongoing training of certified parent(s) shall include training in child abuse identification, prevention, and treatment. The training plan shall also include training required by Health and Safety Code Section 1529.2.

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Health and Safety Code Section 1529.2 (First of two; Repealed January 1, 2017) provides:

"(a) In addition to the foster parent training provided by community colleges, foster family agencies shall provide a program of training for their certified foster families.

(b) (1) Every licensed foster parent shall complete a minimum of 12 hours of foster parent training, as prescribed in paragraph (3), before the placement of any foster children with foster parent. In addition, a foster parent shall complete a minimum of eight hours of foster parent training annually as prescribed in paragraph (4). No child shall be placed in a foster family home unless these requirements are met by the persons in the home who are serving as the foster parents.

(2) (A) Upon the request of the foster parent for a hardship waiver from the postplacement training requirement or a request for an extension of the deadline, the county may, at its option, on a case-by-case basis, waive the postplacement training requirement or extend any established deadline for a period not to exceed one year, if the postplacement training requirement presents a severe and unavoidable obstacle to continuing as a foster parent. Obstacles for which a county may grant a hardship waiver or extension are:

(i) Lack of access to training due to the cost or travel required.

(ii) Family emergency.

- (B) Before a waiver or extension may be granted, the foster parent should explore the opportunity of receiving training by video or written materials.
- (3) The initial preplacement training shall include, but not be limited to, training courses that cover all of the following:
- (A) An overview of the child protective system.
 - (B) The effects of child abuse and neglect on child development.
 - (C) Positive discipline and the importance of self-esteem.
 - (D) Health Issues in foster care, including, but not limited to, the authorization, uses, risks, benefits, assistance with self-administration, oversight, and monitoring or psychotropic or other medications, and trauma, mental health, and substance use disorder treatments, for children in foster care under the jurisdiction of the juvenile court, including how to access those treatments, as the information is also described in subdivision (d) of Section 16501.4 of the Welfare and Institutions Code.
 - (E) Accessing education and health services available to foster children.
 - (F) The right of a foster child to have fair and equal access to all available services, placement, care, treatment, and benefits, and to not be subjected to discrimination or harassment on the basis of actual or perceived race, ethnic group identification, ancestry, national origin, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, mental or physical disability, or HIV status.
 - (G) Instruction on cultural competency and sensitivity and related best practices for providing adequate care for children across diverse ethnic and racial backgrounds, as well as children identifying as lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender.
 - (H) Basic instruction on the existing laws and procedures regarding the safety of foster youth at school and the ensuring of a harassment- and violence- free school environment contained in ~~the California Student Safety~~

and Violence Prevention Act of 2000 (Article 3.6 (commencing with Section 32228) of Chapter 2 of Part 19 of Division 1 of Title 1 of the Education Code.

- (4) The postplacement annual training shall include, but not be limited to, training courses that cover all of the following:
- (A) Age-appropriate child development.
 - (B) Health issues in foster care, including, but not limited to, the information described in subdivision (d) of Section 16501.4 of the Welfare and Institutions Code.
 - (C) Positive discipline and the importance of self-esteem.
 - (D) Emancipation and independent living skills if a foster parent is caring for youth.
 - (E) The right of a foster child to have fair and equal access to all available services, placement, care, treatment, and benefits, and to not be subjected to discrimination or harassment on the basis of actual or perceived race, ethnic group identification, ancestry, national origin, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, mental or physical disability, or HIV status."
 - (F) Instruction on cultural competency and sensitivity relating to, and best practices for, providing adequate care to lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender youth in out-of-home care.
 - ~~(F) The dependency court process and court participation by the foster children and foster parents.~~
 - ~~(G) Permanency options for children in foster care and services and supports available to foster parents providing permanent placements for dependent children.~~
- (5) Foster parent training may be attained through a variety of sources, including community colleges, counties, hospitals, foster parent associations, the California State Foster Parent Association's conference, adult schools, and certified foster parent instructors.

- (6) A candidate for placement of foster children shall submit a certificate of training to document completion of the training requirements. The certificate shall be submitted with the initial consideration for placements and provided at the time of the annual visit by the licensing agency thereafter.

- (c) Nothing in this section shall preclude a county from requiring county-provided preplacement or postplacement foster parent training in excess of the requirements in this section.

- (d) This section shall remain in effect only until January 1, 2017, and as of that date is repealed, unless a later enacted statute, that is enacted before January 1, 2017, deletes or extends that date.

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Authority cited: Section 1530, Health and Safety Code.

Reference: Section 51, Civil Code; Sections 1506, 1506.7, 1520 and 1529.2, Health and Safety Code; Section 11174.1, Penal Code; and Section 16001.9, Welfare and Institutions Code.

89201 DEFINITIONS

89201

(a) (1) (Continued)

(g) (1) "Gender Expression" refers to the ways a person communicates their gender identity through clothing, haircut, behavior and interaction with others.

~~(4)~~(2)"Gender Identity" means a person's internal identification or self-image as male ~~or~~, female, ~~or other~~.

~~(2)~~(3)"Guardian" means a person who is appointed by the Superior Court pursuant to the provisions commencing with Probate Code section 1500 or Welfare and Institutions Code sections 360 or 366.26 to care for the person, or the estate, or the person and estate, of another.

(h) (Continued)

(s) (1) (Continued)

(3) "Sexual Orientation" meansdescribes a person's emotional, romantic, and physical feelings of attraction to another person, whether a person is bisexual, gay, lesbian, straight, or other. the actual or perceived identification of any person as heterosexual, gay, lesbian, or bisexual. (Continued)

(t) (1) "Transgender" means a person whose gender identity does not correspond with their anatomical sex. A transgender girl or woman is a girl or woman whose birth sex was male but who understands herself to be female. A transgender boy or man is a boy or man whose birth sex was female but who understands himself to be male.

~~(4)~~(2)"Transitional Independent Living Plan (TILP)" means the written plan that describes programs, services, and activities that a "child" is participating in to prepare to make the transition from foster care to independent living. (Continued)

Authority cited: Sections 1502.8, 1530 and 1530.5, Health and Safety Code; and Section 21 of Assembly Bill 1695 (Chapter 653, Statutes of 2001).

Reference: California Fair Employment and Housing Act, Sections 12921, 12926 and 12926.1(c), Government Code; Section 51931(a), Education Code; Sections 1337, 1500, 1501, 1502, 1503, 1503.5, 1505, 1505.2, 1507, 1507.5, 1520, 1522, 1522.1, 1524, 1526, 1526.5, 1527, 1530, 1530.5, 1530.6, 1531, 1531.5, 1533, 1534, 1536.1, 1537, 1550, 1551, 1558, 1558.1, 1559.110, 1727(c), 11834.11 and 13131, Health and Safety

Code; Unruh Civil Rights Act, Section 51, Civil Code; Sections 309, 319(d), 361.2(j)-(j)(2), 362.04, 362.05, 362.7, 366.26, 11400(t), 11403, 11460, 11461, 16501.25, 16522, 17710, 17710(a), 17710(g), 17710(h), 17710(i), 17731, 17731(c) and 17736(a), Welfare and Institutions Code; and 42 U.S.C.A. Section 1305.

Amend Section 89372 to read:

89372 PERSONAL RIGHTS

89372

- (a) The caregiver shall ensure that each child is accorded the personal rights specified in Welfare and Institutions Code section 16001.9. In addition, the caregiver shall ensure that each child is accorded the following personal rights:
- (1) To be free from corporal or unusual punishment, infliction of pain, humiliation, intimidation, ridicule, coercion, threat, physical, sexual, emotional, mental, or other abuse, or other actions of a punitive nature including but not limited to interference with the daily living functions of eating, sleeping, or toileting, or withholding of shelter, clothing, or aids to physical functioning.
 - (2) To be provided with and allowed to possess and use adequate personal items, which includes their own:
 - (A) Clothes, provided the clothes are age-appropriate as defined in Section 89201, subsection (a)(2), do not violate school standards when worn during school activities, and are in accordance with the ~~gender identity of the "child"~~ Welfare & Institutions Code section 16001.9(a)(23). (Continued)

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Please refer to [Welfare & Institutions Code Section 16001.9](#) for a complete list of personal rights.

Welfare and Institutions Code section 16001.9, subsection (a) provides in part:

"(a) It is the policy of the state that all minors and nonminors in foster care shall have the following rights:

- (1) To live in a safe, healthy, and comfortable home where he or she is treated with respect.
- (2) To be free from physical, sexual, emotional, or other abuse, or corporal punishment.
- (3) To receive adequate and healthy food, adequate clothing, and, for youth in group homes, an allowance.
- (4) To receive medical, dental, vision, and mental health services.

- (5) To be free of the administration of medication or chemical substances, unless authorized by a physician.
- (6) To contact family members, unless prohibited by court order, and social workers, attorneys, foster youth advocates and supporters, Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASAs), and probation officers.
- (7) To visit and contact brothers and sisters, unless prohibited by court order.
- (8) To contact the Community Care Licensing Division of the State Department of Social Services or the State Foster Care Ombudsperson regarding violations of rights, to speak to representatives of these offices confidentially, and to be free from threats or punishment for making complaints.
- (9) To make and receive confidential telephone calls and send and receive unopened mail, unless prohibited by court order.
- (10) To attend religious services and activities of his or her choice.
- (11) To maintain an emancipation bank account and manage personal income, consistent with the child's age and developmental level, unless prohibited by the case plan.
- (12) To not be locked in ~~any~~ room, building, or facility premises, unless placed in a community treatment facility.
- (13) To attend school and participate in extracurricular, cultural, and personal enrichment activities, consistent with the child's age and developmental level, with minimal disruptions to school attendance and educational stability.
- (14) To work and develop job skills at an age-appropriate level, consistent with state law.
- (15) To have social contacts with people outside of the foster care system, ~~such as~~ including teachers, church members, mentors, and friends.
- (16) To attend Independent Living Program classes and activities if he or she meets age requirements.
- (17) To attend court hearings and speak to the judge.
- (18) To have storage space for private use.
- (19) To be involved in the development of his or her own case plan and plan for permanent placement.

(20) To review his or her own case plan and plan for permanent placement, if he or she is 12 years of age or older and in a permanent placement, and to receive information about his or her out-of-home placement and case plan, including being told of changes to the plan.

(21) To be free from unreasonable searches of personal belongings.

(22) To the confidentiality of all juvenile court records consistent with existing law.

(23) To have fair and equal access to all available services, placement, care, treatment, and benefits, and to not be subjected to discrimination or harassment on the basis of actual or perceived race, ethnic group identification, ancestry, national origin, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, mental or physical disability, or HIV status.

(24) To be placed in out-of-home care according to their gender identity, regardless of the gender or sex listed in their court or child welfare records.

(25) To have caregivers and child welfare personnel who have received instruction on cultural competency and sensitivity relating to, and best practices for, providing adequate care to lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender youth in out-of-home care.

~~(24)~~(26) At 16 years of age or older, to have access to existing information regarding the educational options available, including, but not limited to, the coursework necessary for vocational and postsecondary educational programs, and information regarding financial aid for postsecondary education."

(27) To have access to age-appropriate, medically accurate information about reproductive health care, the prevention of unplanned pregnancy, and the prevention and treatment of sexually transmitted infections at 12 years of age or older."

Welfare and Institutions Code section 369.5 provides:

"(a) (1) If a child is adjudged a dependent child of the court under Section 300 and the child has been removed from the physical custody of the parent under Section 361, only a juvenile court judicial officer shall have authority to make orders regarding the administration of psychotropic medications for that child. The juvenile court may issue a specific order delegating this authority to a parent upon making findings on the record that the parent poses no danger to the child and has the capacity to authorize psychotropic medications. Court authorization for the administration of psychotropic medication shall be based on a request from a physician, indicating the reasons for the request, a

description of the child's diagnosis and behavior, the expected results of the medication, and a description of any side effects of the medication.

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(d) Psychotropic medication or psychotropic drugs are those medications administered for the purpose of affecting the central nervous system to treat psychiatric disorders or illnesses. These medications include, but are not limited to, anxiolytic agents, antidepressants, mood stabilizers, antipsychotic medications, anti-Parkinson agents, hypnotics, medications for dementia, and psychostimulants.

(e) Nothing in this section is intended to supersede local court rules regarding a minor's right to participate in mental health decisions.

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- (b) In ensuring the rights of a "child," the caregiver is not required to take any action that would impair the health and safety of a "child" or household members consistent with Welfare & Institutions Code Section 16001.9(b). (Continued)

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Welfare and Institutions Code section 16001.9, subsection (a) provides in part:

(b) Nothing in this section shall be interpreted to require a foster care provider to take any action that would impair the health and safety of children in out-of-home placement.

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Authority cited: Sections 1530, 1530.5, and 1531, Health and Safety Code; Section 16001.9, Welfare and Institutions Code; Section 21 of Assembly Bill (AB) 1695 (Chapter 653, Statutes of 2001).

Reference: California Constitution, Article 1, Section 13; Sections 1501, 1501.1, 1520, 1530.91, and 1531, Health and Safety Code; Sections 361.2(j) - (j)(2), 369.5, 727(a)(3), 827, and 16001.9, Welfare and Institutions Code; Section 51, Civil Code; Section 12921, Government Code.

Amend Section 89379 to read:

89379 ACTIVITIES

89379

- (a) A "child" shall be entitled to participate in age and developmentally appropriate extracurricular, enrichment, and social activities.

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Extracurricular, enrichment, and social activities may include, but are not limited to, the following:

- (1) Sports.
- (2) School activities such as band, dances, and field trips.
- (3) Leisure time such as bike riding, socializing with friends, shopping and going to the movies.
- (4) ~~4-H activities~~ Farm and Garden activities.
- (5) ~~Scouting~~ Leadership and outdoor adventure training.
- (6) (Continued)

Authority cited: Sections 1530 and 1530.5, Health and Safety Code; and Section 21 of Assembly Bill (AB) 1695 (Chapter 653, Statutes of 2001).

Reference: Sections 1501, 1501.1, 1530.6, 1531 and 1559.110(c), (d), and (e), Health and Safety Code; Sections 362.04, 362.05, 727, 11403.2(a)(2), 16001.9, 16522(b) and (d), Welfare and Institutions Code.

Amend Section 89387 to read:

89387 BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

89387

(a) The caregiver shall provide bedrooms in the home which shall meet, at a minimum, the following requirements unless a Documented Alternative Plan (LIC 973) is approved.

(1) No more than two children shall share a bedroom.

(2) Children of ~~the opposite sex~~different sexes shall not share a bedroom unless ~~each child is under five years of age.~~

(A) A minor parent may share a bedroom with the minor parent's child of ~~the opposite sex~~a different sex.

(B) ~~Nothing in this section shall preclude a caregiver from requesting a Documented Alternative Plan (LIC 973) permitting a "child" to be in a bedroom based on their gender identity.~~Each child is under 5 years of age, or:

(C) A Caregiver is permitting a child to share a bedroom consistent with their gender identity regardless of the gender or sex listed on the court or child welfare documents.

(3) (Continued)

(b) In every situation where children share a bedroom, the Caregiver shall document that the bedroom sharing arrangement ensures the health and safety of each child and that the children are compatible. When considering compatibility a Caregiver shall consult with children in their care, in an age and developmentally appropriate manner, regarding the child's sexual orientation and gender identity and what information the child wishes to disclose and to whom. A Caregiver shall not disclose information about the child's sexual orientation and/or gender identity against the child's wishes, unless compelled to do so by law or court order. This documentation shall be maintained in the child's record.

~~(b)~~(c) The home shall be clean, safe, sanitary, and in good repair at all times.

(1) (Continued)

~~(c)~~(d) All outdoor and indoor passageways, stairways, inclines, ramps, and open porches shall be kept free of obstruction.

~~(d)~~(e) A caregiver who accepts a "child" under 10 years of age or a "child" who is developmentally, mentally, or physically disabled shall ensure that swimming pools, fixed-in-place wading pools, hot tubs, spas, or similar bodies of water are inaccessible.

(1) (Continued)

- ~~(e)~~(f) If the home has an above-ground pool, the pool shall be made inaccessible when not in use by removing or making the ladder inaccessible and if the pool is less than 60 inches in height, by the use of a barricade. Any barricade, whether or not it includes the above-ground pool structure itself, shall meet the requirements of subsection (d)(1)(A).
- ~~(f)~~(g) All pools that cannot be emptied after each use shall have an operative pump and filtering system.
- ~~(g)~~(h) An adult who has the ability to swim shall provide supervision at all times when "a child" is using a pool or a body of water from which rescue requires the rescuer's ability to swim.
- ~~(h)~~(i) If the caregiver provides a yard or outdoor activity space, it shall be free from hazards that endanger the health and safety of a "child."
- ~~(i)~~(j) The caregiver who accepts a "child" with a disability shall make necessary specific provisions including, but not limited to, changes to the buildings and grounds as required to protect and assist a "child" and to maximize the potential of a "child" for self-help.
- ~~(j)~~(k) The caregiver shall maintain at least one toilet, sink, and tub or shower in safe, clean operating condition.

(1) (Continued)

- ~~(k)~~(l) The caregiver shall maintain a safe and comfortable temperature for a "child" in the home at all times.
- ~~(l)~~(m) The caregiver shall ensure the safety of a "child" in a home that has fireplaces, open-faced heaters, or woodstoves.
- ~~(m)~~(n) The caregiver shall provide lighting as necessary in all rooms and other areas to ensure comfort and safety in the home.
- ~~(n)~~(o) Faucets used by a "child" for personal care and grooming shall deliver hot water at a safe temperature.
- ~~(o)~~(p) Waste shall be stored, located, and disposed of in a manner that will not permit the transmission of communicable disease or odors, create a nuisance, provide a breeding place or food source for insects or rodents.
- ~~(p)~~(q) Except a home with a sprinkler system, a home shall have an approved, commercially manufactured, and functioning smoke detector installed in the hallway(s) in each sleeping area in the home. The smoke detectors shall be audible in each bedroom or sleeping room.

Authority cited: Sections 1502.8, 1530, 1530.5, and 115926, Health and Safety Code; and Section 21 of Assembly Bill (AB) 1695 (Chapter 653, Statutes of 2001).

Reference: Sections 1501, 1501.1, 1531, 1531.4, 115921, 115922(a), and 115923, Health and Safety Code; Sections 361.2(j) - (j)(1)(B) and (j)(2), 362.04, 11403, 16001.9, and 17710, Welfare and Institutions Code; Commercial Practices, 16 C.F.R. Section 1513.6.

Amend Section 89405 to read:

89405 TRAINING REQUIREMENTS

89405

(a) (Continued)

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(K) Instruction on cultural competency and sensitivity relating to, and best practices for, providing adequate care to lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender youth in out-of-home care. (Continued)

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~~Health and Safety Code section 1529.2, subsections (b) and (c) provide in part:~~

~~"... (b)(1) Every licensed foster parent shall complete a minimum of 12 hours of foster parent training, as prescribed in paragraph (3), before the placement of any foster children with the foster parent. In addition, a foster parent shall complete a minimum of eight hours of foster parent training annually as prescribed in paragraph (4). No child shall be placed in a foster family home unless these requirements are met by the persons in the home who are serving as the foster parents.~~

~~(2)(A) Upon the request of the foster parent for a hardship waiver from the postplacement training requirement or a request for an extension of the deadline, the county may, at its option, on a case by case basis, waive the postplacement training requirement or extend any established deadline for a period not to exceed one year, if the postponement training requirement presents a severe and unavoidable obstacle to continuing as a foster parent. Obstacles for which a county may grant a hardship waiver or extension are:~~

~~(i) Lack of access to training due to the cost or travel required.~~

~~(ii) Family emergency.~~

~~(B) Before a waiver or extension may be granted, the foster parent should explore the opportunity of receiving training by video or written materials.~~

~~(3) The initial preplacement training shall include, but not be limited to, training courses that cover all of the following:~~

~~(A) An overview of the child protective system.~~

~~(B) The effects of child abuse and neglect on development.~~

~~(C) Positive discipline and the importance of self-esteem.~~

~~(D) Health issues in foster care.~~

~~(E) Accessing education and health services available to foster children.~~

~~(F) The right of a foster child to have fair and equal access to all available services, placement, care, treatment, and benefits, and to not be subjected to discrimination or harassment on the basis of actual or perceived race, ethnic group identification, ancestry, national origin, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, mental or physical disability, or HIV status.~~

~~(4) The postplacement annual training shall include, but not be limited to, training courses that cover all of the following:~~

~~(A) Age-appropriate child development.~~

~~(B) Health issues in foster care.~~

~~(C) Positive discipline and the importance of self-esteem.~~

~~(D) Emancipation and independent living skills if a foster parent is caring for youth.~~

~~(E) The right of a foster child to have fair and equal access to all available services, placement, care, treatment, and benefits, and to not be subjected to discrimination or harassment on the basis of actual or perceived race, ethnic group identification, ancestry, national origin, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, mental or physical disability, or HIV status.~~

~~(5) Foster parent training may be attained through a variety of sources, including community colleges, counties, hospitals, foster parent associations, the California State Foster Parent Association's Conference, adult schools, and certified foster parent instructors.~~

~~(6) A candidate for placement of foster children shall submit a certificate of training to document completion of the training requirements. The certificate shall be submitted with the initial consideration for placements and provided at the time of the annual visit by the licensing agency thereafter.~~

~~(e) Nothing in this section shall preclude a county from requiring county-provided preplacement or postplacement foster parent training in excess of the requirements in this section."~~

Health and Safety Code section 1529.2 (First of two; Repealed January 1, 2017)

"(a) In addition to the foster parent training provided by community colleges, foster family agencies shall provide a program of training for their certified foster families.

(b)(1) Every licensed foster parent shall complete a minimum of 12 hours of foster parent training, as prescribed in paragraph (3), before the placement of any foster children with the foster parent. In addition, a foster parent shall complete a minimum of eight hours of foster parent training annually, as prescribed in paragraph (4). No child shall be placed in a foster family home unless these requirements are met by the persons in the home who are serving as the foster parents.

(2)(A) Upon the request of the foster parent for a hardship waiver from the postplacement training requirement or a request for an extension of the deadline, the county may, at its option, on a case-by-case basis, waive the postplacement training requirement or extend any established deadline for a period not to exceed one year, if the postplacement training requirement presents a severe and unavoidable obstacle to continuing as a foster parent. Obstacles for which a county may grant a hardship waiver or extension are:

(i) Lack of access to training due to the cost or travel required.

(ii) Family emergency.

(B) Before a waiver or extension may be granted, the foster parent should explore the opportunity of receiving training by video or written materials.

(3) The initial preplacement training shall include, but not be limited to, training courses that cover all of the following:

(A) An overview of the child protective system.

(B) The effects of child abuse and neglect on child development.

(C) Positive discipline and the importance of self-esteem.

(D) Health issues in foster care, including, but not limited to, the authorization, uses, risks, benefits, assistance with self-administration, oversight, and monitoring or psychotropic or other medications, and trauma, mental health, and substance use disorder treatments, for children in foster care under the jurisdiction of the juvenile court, including how to access those treatments, as the information is also described in subdivision (d) of *Section 16501.4 of the Welfare and Institutions Code*.

(E) Accessing education and health services available to foster children.

(F) The right of a foster child to have fair and equal access to all available services, placement, care, treatment, and benefits, and to not be subjected to discrimination or harassment on the basis of actual or perceived race, ethnic group identification, ancestry, national origin, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, mental or physical disability, or HIV status.

(G) Instruction on cultural competency and sensitivity and related best practices for providing adequate care for children across diverse ethnic and racial backgrounds, as well as children identifying as lesbian, gay, bisexual, or transgender.

(H) Basic instruction on the existing laws and procedures regarding the safety of foster youth at school and the ensuring of a harassment- and violence-free school environment contained in Article 3.6 (commencing with Section 32228) of Chapter 2 of Part 19 of Division 1 of Title 1 of the Education Code.

(4) The postplacement annual training shall include, but not be limited to, training courses that cover all of the following:

(A) Age-appropriate child development.

(B) Health issues in foster care, including, but not limited to, the information described in subdivision (d) of Section 16501.4 of the Welfare and Institutions Code.

(C) Positive discipline and the importance of self-esteem.

(D) Emancipation and independent living skills if a foster parent is caring for youth.

(E) The right of a foster child to have fair and equal access to all available services, placement, care, treatment, and benefits, and to not be subjected to discrimination or harassment on the basis of actual or perceived race, ethnic group identification, ancestry, national origin, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, mental or physical disability, or HIV status.

(F) Instruction on cultural competency and sensitivity relating to, and best practices for, providing adequate care to lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender youth in out-of-home care.

(5) Foster parent training may be attained through a variety of sources, including community colleges, counties, hospitals, foster parent associations, the California State Foster Parent Association's conference, adult schools, and certified foster parent instructors.

(6) A candidate for placement of foster children shall submit a certificate of training to document completion of the training requirements. The certificate shall be submitted with the initial consideration for placements and provided at the time of the annual visit by the licensing agency thereafter.

(c) Nothing in this section shall preclude a county from requiring county-provided preplacement or postplacement foster parent training in excess of the requirements in this section.

(d) This section shall remain in effect only until January 1, 2017, and as of that date is repealed, unless a later enacted statute, that is enacted before January 1, 2017, deletes or extends that date."

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Authority cited: Sections 1530 and 1530.5, Health and Safety Code; Section 21 of Assembly Bill (AB) 1695 (Chapter 653, Statutes of 2001).

Reference: Sections 1501, 1506, 1506.7, 1529.1, 1529.2, 1531, and 1562, Health and Safety Code; Section 16001.9, Welfare and Institutions Code; and Article 3.6 (commencing with Section 32228) of Chapter 2 of Part 19 of Division 1 of Title 1 of the Education Code.